CHICAGO UNIVERSITIES.

Total Absence of Race Prejudice in Institutions of Higher Education-Young Colored Girl Distinguishes Herself

Chicago, Ill.—(Special.)—Mr. Wm. E. Curtis, the noted newspaper correspondent, has recently called attention to the fact that Chicago is better supplied with universities and highgrade professional schools of all kinds than any other city in the country. The schools of law, medicine, music and art are especially equipped. It is worthy of special notice that southern white students are flocking to these Chicago schools in ever increasing numbers. Of course they bring with them cheir uncompromising prejudice and dread of "social equality" and are very irritating to the colored stu-



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dents, who also appreciate the superior advantages of this city's halls of learning.

It is to be hoped that the scores of young colored men and women who come here every summer for special courses in the university school of Pedagogy and those who come to take the regular university professional courses, will not be discouraged by these exhibitions of snobbishness. However successful southern prejudice may be in excluding young colored men and women from the dormitory life of our universities, when it comes to class room, the colored student is free and untrammelled. The white and black student from the south here meet on equal terms. Here tney face each other for the first time under conditions that compel equality. Here the southern white student often obtains his first knowledge of the Negro's mentality and character. It is also to be hoped that our young men and women in the south who are coming north for university training, will study carefully the advantages of the Chicago universities, if for no other reason than to meet in the class room the southern white student and prove to him the fallacy of his low estimate of the Negro's capacity.

Some months ago when Dr. DuBois, of the Atlanta university, addressed the Sociology club of the Chiago university, the southern wnite students were made to feel in a notable degree the utter littleness of their preten-sions and prejudices. Mr. M. M. Work, a graduate of the Chicago university, and now pursuing post graduate work on the Department of Sociology, has conducted some investigations that been accepted by the faculty as s for other students. However hostile some of these southerners may have felt against the Negro before they left their provincial southern homes, they must have experienced Some change of heart after four years of contact and relationship with the colored students in the class room and on the campus.

It is worthy of note that the colored students who have taken the regular courses in our universities have so far made fine records and will undoubtedly be heard from in some important way in the future. Not long ago one of our recital halls furnished a scene long to be remembered. This hall is used only for rare occasions and the announcement by any of the great masters that a recital is to be given by some prize pupil is sufficient

to fill the hall with music lovers and patrons of wealth and fashion. On the occasion referred to, the prize pupil proved to be a young colored girl, Miss Hazel Harrson, who while pursuing her musical studies, is also a high school pupil of good standing.

For nearly two hours that magnificent audience was entranced by her playing. The applause, the comments and the enthusiasm could not have been more spontaneous and generous had some distinguished pianist of national reputation been the artist of the occasion. In all that exultant comment and unstinted admiration, there seemed to be an entire forgetfulness of color or "previous condition." All hearts went out in praise for the young woman, and she bore it all with a modesty that gave to ner talents an additional charm. The Kindergarten Training schools of Chicago have also been liberally patronized by our young colored women. These schools are not only among the best in the country, but they have always been absolute free from prejudice of any kind. There has not been a single feature of the work, from the close contact in the games and other requirements of the training to the practice work in the schools, from which one young omen have been excluded for color

Colored kindergarten students have gone everywhere and have had charge of all kinds and conditions of children and have found at all times a delightful welcome from the consurer and a charming comradship among teachers and fellow students.

What has been said of the universities, the conservatories of music and kindergarten training schools can be equally said of the great medical, law schools, schools of dentistry, pharmacy and the great art college on the lake front.

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ACCIDENT TO "ASTRA."

Mr. W. J. Edelin had a piece of bad luck a few days ago which prevented his fast-stepping colt Astra from figuring at the Bennings track. While exercising the horse her trainer acci-



dentally ran into a pitchfork in the hands of a stableman, inflicting a painful wound in Astra's breast. The colt will recover, but not in time to appear during the present meet.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE NOTES.

The excavation for the foundation of the Collis P. Huntington Memorial burning is nearly completed and the brick masons are preparing to work on the foundation.

The landscape department is beautifying the school grounds. They are repairing roads, making sidewalks and arranging flower beds.

The brick masons are now at work on the new saw mill. It is directly behind the Slater-Armstrong Memorial Trades building.

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